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Of Special Interest This Week		
+ At the request of INR, FBIS prepared a report on foreign reaction, concentrating on the USSR and Syria, to the recent Administration proposal to sell arms to Jordan. The report was for use by Secretary Shultz.		
+ Construction of the Bangkok satellite monitoring site is proceeding on schedule, with concrete now being poured for the antenna base. The bureau has been informally notified that microwave frequency allocations will be granted soon by Thai communications authorities.		
+ Several more government offices have recently begun using the FBIS automated consolidated translation survey (ACTS), which enables agencies to avoid duplicate translations. These offices include the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, Patrick Air Force Base, and the Armament Research and Development Center. Other agencies are actively considering using ACTS capabilities, which are now saving over		
a million dollars a month in unnecessary translation expenses.		
+ Since the beginning of the TWA hijacking crisis on 14 June, FBIS Mideast bureaus have been on alert for reportage and comment from area public media. Bureaus in Nicosia and Tel Aviv are maintaining a 24-hour watch on Lebanese and Israeli radios and assisting respective embassies with monitored information on critical developments in the ongoing hostage saga. The FBIS Wire Services Staff has been in close contact with watch offices, in particular the State working group and OCPAS. Such consumers as the VOA newsroom have praised FBIS for its extensive coverage and timely reportage.		

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